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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. NAME CALLING AND INTENSE COMPETITION FOR SUPPORT CONTINUED AMONG RIVAL MAPU FACTIONS AS BOTH SIDES CONTINUED TO EXPEL EACH OTHER'S LEADERS AND SOUGHT TO WRAP THEMSELVES IN MANTLE OF LEGITIMACY. OSCAR GARRETON HAS EMERGED AS LEADER OF "HARD-LINE" FACTION WHILE JAIME GAZMURI HAS ASSUMED FORMAL LEADERSHIP OF MORE MODERATE SECTOR. IMPLICATIONS OF SPLIT FOR PS AND IC, AND PCCH ROLE, ARE SUBJECTS OF SPECULATION BY VARIOUS OBSERVERS. END SUMMARY.

2. GAZMURI GROUP HAS REGISTERED NEW PARTY OFFICERS WITH ELECTORAL REGISTRY IN MOVE TO BACK THEIR CLAIMS OF LEGITIMACY, AND PUBLISHED AD IN SEVERAL PRO-UP NEWSPAPERS CONTAINING EXCERPT FROM PURPORTED MIR INTERNAL DOCUMENT WHICH TALKED OF CLOSE CONTACTS BETWEEN MIR LEADERSHIP AND GARRETON GROUP. GAZMURI FACTION ACQUIRED ACTIVE ENDORSEMENT FROM ENRIQUE CORREA AND JUAN ENRIQUE VEGA, BOTH OF WHOSE LOYALTIES HAD BEEN TEMPORARILY IN DOUBT, AS WELL AS SUPPORT FROM NEARLY
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ALL MAPU CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES IN MAR 4 ELECTION AND WIDOW OF PARTY FOUNDER RODRIGO AMBROSIO. GAZMURI GROUP ALSO RECEIVED MESSAGE OF SUPPORT FROM FONMIN CLODOMIRO ALMEYDA.

3. STRUGGLE BETWEEN FACTIONS HAS NOW ENGULFED MOST MAPU PROVINCIAL UNITS, AND OPPOSITION PRESS HAS BEEN FEATURING CONFLICTING STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT FROM PARTISANS OF BOTH FACTIONS. INDEPENDENT EL MERCURIO REPORTED THAT AUTHOR OF INTERNAL MAPU DOCUMENT PUBLISHED MAR 2 (SANTIAGO 847) WAS KALKI GLAUSER, WHILE COMMUNIST EL SIGLO REPORTED THAT PERSON WHO PASSED DOCUMENT TO EL MERCURIO WAS FRANCISCO JAVIER URETA LARRAIN, BOTH MEMBERS OF GARRETON FACTION.

4. LEADERS OF BOTH FACTIONS CALLED ON ALLENDE SEPARATELY MAR 8, BUT NEITHER COMMENTED AFTERWARD ON WHAT TRANSPIRED DURING THEIR INTERVIEWS. BOTH FACTIONS HELD RALLIES MAR 11, GARRETON FACTION IN TEATRO CAUPOLICAN AS ANNOUNCED AND GAZMURI GROUP IN ESTADIO CHILE NEARBY, BUT NO VIOLENCE RESULTED. UP WILL REPORTEDLY MEET TO DECIDE WHICH GROUP IS THE " REAL " MAPU, BUT JUST WHEN NOT YET CLEAR.

5. COMMENT: IMPORTANCE OF INTERNAL MAPU STRUGGLE IS NOT THE DESTINY OF THAT MINI- PARTY BUT ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR SOCIALIST AND CHRISTIAN LEFT PARTIES, WHICH ALSO CONTAIN " HARD- LINE " AND " MODERATE " FACTIONS. OPPOSITION LA SEGUNDA WENT AS FAR AS TO POSTULATE A COMMUNIST PARTY PLAN TO PURGE EXTREME LEFT- WING ELEMENTS FROM UP AS NECESSARY CONDITION FOR SOME EVENTUAL ACCOMMODATION WITH CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS. COMMUNIST PARTY SEC GEN LUIS CORVALAN HOTLY DENIED PCCH HAD INTERFERED IN INTERNAL MAPU AFFAIRS BUT CLEARLY STATED PARTY' S OPPOSITION TO MAPU " EXTREMIST " GROUP. SEGUNDA AND PDC LA PRENSA CAST MAPU AFFAIR AS BASICALLY A POWER STRUGGLE BETWEEN COMMUNIST AND SOCIALIST PARTIES, ACTING THROUGH THEIR MAPU SURROGATES, FOR CONTROL AND LEADERSHIP OF UP. LA PRENSA ALSO SPECULATED THAT MAPU SPLIT COULD BE FIRST STEP IN GENERAL REALIGNMENT OF POLITICAL FORCES WHICH WAS WIDELY DISCUSSED BEFORE MAR 4 ELECTION (SANTIAGO A-37).

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